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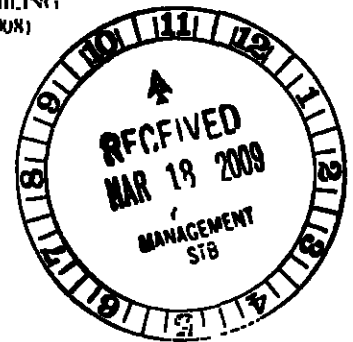
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RE Docket No AB-347 (Sub-No 3X), *Florida West Coast Railroad Company, Inc. - Abandonment Exemption-in Alachua and Gilchrist Counties, FL.*

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan

On February 28, 2008, the Georgetown and High Line Railway Company, LLC ("GHI") requested a notice of interim trail use/rail banking for approximately a 13.0-mile railroad line, between milepost 734.0 near Trenton, FL, and milepost 721.0, near Newberry, FL, in Alachua and Gilchrist Counties, FL (the "Line"), in the above-entitled proceeding. By decision served March 27, 2008, the Surface Transportation Board (the "Board") granted the request. The Board granted an extension of the negotiating period to March 22, 2009 and the consummation period to May 11, 2009 in a decision served on November 13, 2008.

The current negotiating period expires on March 22, 2009. GHI has been unable to finalize negotiations with the Florida West Coast Railroad Company, Inc. ("FLWC"), and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with FLWC for the Line. FLWC has not consummated the abandonment. Therefore, GHI respectfully requests the Board to grant a 180-day extension of time to September 18, 2009 to negotiate trail use with FLWC. Additionally, GHI respectfully requests an extension of the date for FLWC to consummate the abandonment to November 17, 2009. Enclosed is a check for the filing fee of \$450.

An original and 10 copies of this letter are being filed. Please time and date stamp the additional copy of this letter and return it in the enclosed stamped envelope. Thank you for your assistance.

If you have any questions please call or email me.

Very truly yours,

Richard Bloch

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